



Envision Arlington Standing Committee

Date: Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Time: 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Location: Conducted by Remote Participation

Attendees: Juli Brazile, Johanna Meyer, Alex Bagnall, Caroline Murray, Michael Brownstein

Guests: Len Diggins

Minutes

1. Minutes Approval

Motion to approve past minutes: Carried unanimously (5-0)

2. Town Day Debrief

- Discussions on various aspects of Town Day, including the involvement of translators, the use of a toy to attract attendees, and a focus on engaging with non-English speaking minorities.
- Recognition of the diversity in languages spoken at the event.
- Positive feedback on engagement activities, such as sticker dot exercises and the zero-waste takeout initiative.
- Suggestions for future events included the need for engaging activities or 'hooks' to attract attendees.

3. 2024 Town Survey

- Discussion on incorporating feedback and finalizing the survey for distribution.
- Planning for the upcoming meetings and deadlines, particularly related to the 2023 Town Survey and 2024 Town Survey.
- Assign sections of 2023 Survey for EASC members to review and aim for completion by the first week of December.
- Strategies for publicizing the 2024 survey.

4. Mission & Vision

- Emphasis on the importance of understanding the goals of various task groups and how Envision Arlington can support them.
- Consideration of how to effectively communicate and collaborate with task groups, including potential changes in approach and communication methods.
- Discussion on the importance of having clear, purposeful, and respectful dialogues with task groups, avoiding any perception of evaluation or judgment.

- The idea of rotating task group presentations at Envision Arlington meetings to foster a sense of community and shared purpose.
- Acknowledgement of the need for Envision Arlington to define its own goals and objectives independently, aligning with the group's mission and the needs of the community

5. Open Topics

- Proposal to potentially relocate a powered loudspeaker and microphone from the Arlington Commission for Arts and Culture to the library of things for broader community use.
- Next meeting: November 29th to review 2023 report

Meeting Adjourned: 9:00 pm